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1. SUMMARY: NEW PNC CABINET NAMED JULY 21. BURNHAM TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY. OTHER CHANGES LARGELY COSMETIC, BUT MORE TECHNOCRATS PLACED IN KEY POSITIONS WHILE SIX REGIONAL MINISTERS OF STATE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 21, PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, WHOSE PEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) WON 37 OUT OF 53 SEATS IN JULY 16 ELECTION, ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF NEW EXPANDED CABINET OF 23 MINISTERS AS FOLLOWS:
L.F.S. BURNHAM, O.E., S.C.: - PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY
DR. P.A. REID - DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE
SENIOR MINISTERS
H. D. HOYTE - MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS
S.S. RAMPHAL - MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
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HAMILTON GREEN - MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL

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MOBILIZATION
H. O. JACK - MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
FRANKLIN ELEAZER HOPE - MINISTER OF FINANCE
DR. K.F.F. KING - MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SHIW SAHAI NARAINE, A. A. - MINISTER OF HOUSING
MINISTERS
B. RAMSAROOP - MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE
WINSLOW GEORGE CARRINGTON - MINISTER OF LABOR
MISS S. M. FIELD-RIDLEY - MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE
MISS C.L. BAIRD - MINISTER OF EDUCATION
DR. OLIVER M. R. HARPER - MINISTER OF HEALTH
MINISTERS OF STATE
OSCAR E.CLARKE, WILLIAM HAYNES, ABDUL SALIM, PHILIP DUNCAN, M. ZAHEERUDDEEN, F.U.A. CARMICHAEL - REGIONAL MINISTER
M. KASIM, A.A. - AGRICULTURE
C.V. MONGO - INTERNAL SECURITY
C.A. NASCIMENTO - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
(DR. M. SHAHABUDDEEN, C.C.H. - ATTORNEY GENERAL)
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES
J. R. THOMAS - MINISTRY OF HOUSING
C.E. WRIGHTS - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS
L.E. AMBROSE - (AGRICULTURE), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE
K. B. BANCROFT - (HINTERLAND), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE
MISS M. M. ACKMAN - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP
J. P. CHOWRITMOOTWW - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
R. H. O. CORBIN - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION
SEERAM PRASHAD - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILLIZATION

3. FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH DAVID SINGH WAS NOT NOMINATED TO CABINET AS HE IS TO BE GUYANA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. NEW MINISTERS IN CABINET ARE HARPER (RECENTLY RETURNED DENTIST), NASCIMENTO (FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PM), DUNCAN (FORMER PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS), CARMICHAEL (FORMER SCHOOLMASTER), UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ZAHEERUDDEEN (FORMER JEWELER AND PPP PARLIAMENTARIAN). IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT TWELVE OF TWENTY-FOUR MINISTERS (UNDERLINED) ARE NOT ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. FIVE OF THESE, CARMICHAEL, HAYNES, MINGO, NARAINE, AND SALIM WERE INCLUDED ON PNC PARTY LIST OF 53 NAMES BUT WERE NOT NAMED TO PARLIAMENT. THE REMAINING SEVEN, RAMPHAL, GREEN, JACK, HOPE, KING, BAIRD, AND HARPER ARE CONSIDERED "TECHNOCRATS". NONE OF TWELVE HAVE VOTES IN PARLIAMENT. (SHAHABUDEEN, ALTHOUGH

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NAMED ATTORNEY GENERAL AND A CABINET MEMBER IS NOT A MINISTER.
HE WILL FUNCTION UNDER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FOREIGN MINISTER
S. S. RAMPHAL WHO IS NOW FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER OF
JUSTICE.)

4. ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS COMPOSITION OF CABINET HAS BEEN
CHANGED WITH FOUR LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY. AT TOPE IS BURNHAM
AS PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY. HE NOW
WILL CONTROL BOTH MILITARY (GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE) AS IN PAST, AND
POLICE. UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT, BURNHAM WILL DIRECTLY CONTROL
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICE, ASSISTED
BY MINGO AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY. BURNHAM
WILL ALSO HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE
MINISTRY AND AT FIRST ALSO FOR NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF TRADE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION TO WHICH A MINISTER WILL SHORTLY BE
APPOINTED. REID CONTINUES AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER
OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE. DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE
TO HIM ARE MINISTER OF STATE KASIM FOR AGRICULTURE, AND SIX
NEWLY CREATED REGIONAL MINISTERS OF STATE (CLARKE, HAYNES,
SALIM, DUNCAN, ZAHEERUDDEEN, AND CARMICHAEL), EACH F WHOM WILL
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF SIX REGIONS INTO WHICH GUYANA WILL BE
DIVIDED FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AS FORE-
SHADOWED IN 1972-76 DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

5. MINISTERS UNDER BURNHAM AND REID NOW CATEGORIZED AS SENIOR
MINISTERS, MINISTERS, AND MINISTERS OF STATE. WITH FEW EXCEPT-
IONS MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES REMAIN MORE OR LESS UNCHANGED.
MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE, NOTED ABOVE, WAS ASSUMPTION OF ENTIRE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR INERNAL SECURITY BY PRIME MINISTER. PNC
GENERAL SECRETARY HAMILTON GREEN, FORMERLY MINISTER OF PUBLIC
AFFAIRS (NO PORTFOLIO) NOW HEADS NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF
COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHCH WILL ALSO INCLUDE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, FORMERLY IN OTHER MINISTRIES.
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FORMER MINISTER OF MINES AND FORESTS HUBERTDJACK, RE-DESIGNATED
MINISTER OF MINES AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HIS MIISTRY EXPANDED
TO INCLUDE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THERMAL AND HYDRO-POWER.
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